

What is Claimed Is:

1. A method for capturing media during a recording session using a separate input device for each of plural audio sources comprising:
  - producing audio data with each separate input device;
  - processing the audio data to identify a portion of audio data having a first audio characteristic; and
  - storing an audio record for each identified portion of audio data, wherein each audio record is associated with temporal data used in determining a sequence of the identified portion of audio data in relation to other identified portions of audio data from other separate input devices, and wherein each audio record is associated with identity data representing identifying characteristics for the identified portion of audio data.
2. The method for capturing media according to claim 1, wherein the producing audio data with each separate input device includes:
  - transferring an audio signal from the separate input device to a processing station to produce an audio file; and
  - editing the audio file to produce audio data.

3. The method for capturing media according to claim 2, wherein a participant who was the audio source for the audio file edits the audio file to produce audio data.

4. The method for capturing media according to claim 1, wherein the media includes audio, video and/or text data, and wherein the first audio characteristic is at least a predetermined energy level of audio.

5. The method for capturing media according to claim 1, wherein the processing the audio data to identify a portion of audio data includes:  
*filtering the audio data.*

6. The method for capturing media according to claim 1, wherein the identity data associates visual data with the identified portion of audio data.

7. The method for capturing media according to claim 1, wherein the audio record contains audio of the identified portion of audio data.

8. The method for capturing media according to claim 1, wherein the storing an audio record for each identified portion of audio data includes:

compiling audio records into a browsable record.

9. The method for capturing media according to claim 1, wherein the producing audio data with the separate input device includes:

recording reference data and audio within a storage device, wherein the reference data is based upon a reference signal.

10. The method for capturing media according to claim 9, wherein the reference signal is a main reference signal used in generating reference data in each of the separate input devices to synchronize files of participants at locations remote from one another.

11. The method for capturing media according to claim 9, wherein the producing audio data with the separate input device includes:

editing the recorded audio within the storage device to produce audio data.

12. The method for capturing media according to claim 11, wherein the processing the audio data to identify a portion of audio data includes:

transferring the reference data and audio data from the separate input device to a processing station.

13. The method for capturing media according to claim 12, wherein a participant of the recording session who was the audio source for the recorded audio edits the portion of the recorded audio identified during the processing.

14. The method for capturing media according to claim 12, wherein the processing the audio data to identify a portion of audio data includes:

querying the reference signal of the separate input device and transferring queried reference signal information to a processing station.

15. The method for capturing media according to claim 14, wherein the processing the audio data to identify a portion of audio data includes:

synchronizing the audio data from the separate input device to a main reference signal using the reference data queried reference signal information from the separate input device.

16. The method for capturing media according to claim 9, wherein the producing audio data with the separate input device includes:

transferring the reference data and recorded audio from the storage device of the separate input device to a processing station; and

editing the recorded audio within the processing station to produce audio data.

17. The method for capturing media according to claim 16, wherein a participant of the recording session who was the audio source for the recorded audio edits the recorded audio.

18. The method for capturing media according to claim 16, wherein the processing the audio data to identify a portion of audio data includes:

querying the reference signal of the separate input device and transferring queried reference signal information to a processing station.

19. The method for capturing media according to claim 18, wherein the processing the audio data to identify a portion of audio data includes:

synchronizing the audio data from the separate input device to a main reference signal using the reference data queried reference signal information from the separate input device.

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20. The method for capturing media according to claim 1, wherein the storing an audio record for each identified portion of audio data includes:

- transferring audio records from more than one processing station to a central processing station; and
- compiling audio records into a browsable record.

21. A system for capturing media during a recording session using a separate input device for each of plural audio sources, comprising:

- means for producing audio data with each separate input device;
- means for processing the audio data to identify a portion of audio data having a first audio characteristic; and
- means for storing an audio record for each identified portion of audio data, wherein each audio record is associated with temporal data used in determining a sequence of the identified portion of audio data in relation to other identified portions of audio data from other separate input devices, and wherein each audio record is associated with identity data representing identifying characteristics for the identified portion of audio data.

22. The system for capturing media according to claim 21, wherein the means for producing audio data with each separate input device include:

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a means for recording audio to a storage device within a processing station; and

a means for editing an identified portion of the recorded audio within the storage device of the processing station to produce audio data.

23. The system for capturing media according to claim 21, wherein the media includes audio, video and/or text data, and wherein the first audio characteristic is at least a predetermined energy level of audio.

24. The system for capturing media according to claim 21, comprising:  
a means for generating visual data that is associated with the identified portion of audio data as identity data.

25. The system for capturing media according to claim 21, comprising:  
means for compiling audio records generated from separate input devices into a browsable record.

26. The system for capturing media according to claim 21, wherein the separate input device includes:

a means for recording audio.

27. The system for capturing media according to claim 26, wherein the separate device includes:

means for generating a reference signal to produce reference data recorded with the recorded audio.

28. The system for capturing media according to claim 26, wherein each separate input device includes:

a means for editing the recorded audio within the separate input device to produce audio data.

29. The system for capturing media according to claim 28, wherein the separate input device includes:

a means for transferring media data to a processing station.

30. The system for capturing media according to claim 26, wherein the separate input device includes:

a means for receiving identity data.



31. The system for capturing media according to claim 27, wherein the separate device includes:

means for receiving a main reference signal that is used as the reference signal.

32. The system for capturing media according to claim 27, wherein the separate device includes:

means for synchronizing audio data with a main reference signal to synchronize files of participants at locations remote from one another.

33. The system for capturing media according to claim 26, wherein the separate input device includes:

a means for transferring recorded media to a processing station.

34. The system for capturing media according to claim 26, wherein the separate input device includes:

a means for generating visual data.

35. The system for capturing media according to claim 27, wherein the reference signal is a *synchronized reference signal* in that the reference signal is synchronized with a reference signal of another input device.

36. The system for capturing media according to claim 21, wherein the audio data is included as part of a file which contains video data.